

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

**MUNCIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2**

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Suzi Leifer –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino –Present

Tara Vitale –Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Randi Marder – Council person –Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates –Present

Also in attendance;

Captain Shital Rajan - Open Space Committee

Mary Eng – Beautification Committee

Maria Kramer – Master Gardener, Beautification Committee

Girl Scout Troop 1795

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of

the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be place in the minutes of this meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was made by Sherry Cilea and seconded by Tara Vitale.

### **Open items from October meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – The Shade Tree Committee is entering year two of the five year plan. . The annual accomplishment report is due February 15, 2010. The 84<sup>th</sup> annual Shade Tree Conference was October 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee has met the requirements regarding the number of credits for 2009 and has two core trained members.
- **Tree City USA** – Two of the four signs have been posted by the Department of Public Works. Members revisited the discussion on the placement of the two additional signs. It was decided to post those signs on Township Roads instead of State Roads to avoid further delay by awaiting state approval. Paperwork for recertification for 2010 is being worked on.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** – The ordinance current status still remains with the township attorney.
- **Arbor Day 2010-** Arbor Day will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The committee discussed planting options and locations for this event. The committee has begun to contact local organizations and businesses for participation. The amount and maintenance of trees for planting in 2010 was discussed and reviewed. The number of participants and how we should communicate information with them was considered.

- **Beautification Day 2010** – The Shade Tree Committee will continue to support and work with the Beautification Committee in 2010. We will host the poster contest again for 2010.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The committee discussed the possibility of developing a Tree Park in Marlboro utilizing Open Space Land. The committee will work with the Open Space Committee and the Beautification Committee on the development of this project. Captain Shital Rajan, Chairman of the Open Space Committee was in attendance. Captain Rajan provided various aspects of information on the Open Space Land in Marlboro. Also in attendance and support of The Tree Park Project were Maria Kramer, Master Gardener, and Mary Eng of the Beautification Committee.
- The committee will work to receive a Business Stimulus Fund from the state. The application is due December 1, 2009. If awarded the committee will receive funds for 2010 projects.
- Educational Grants were discussed.
- The committee will look into further landscape needs at various locations throughout Marlboro for 2010.

**The next meeting date will be December 14, 2009.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45. Motion to adjourn was made by Suzi Leifer and seconded by Pat Ondar.

